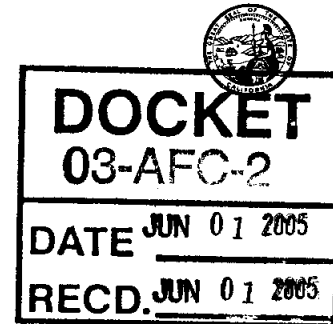


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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
FINAL STAFF ASSESSMENT
LOS ESTEROS CRITICAL ENERGY FACILITY, PHASE 2
(03-AFC-2)**



The Final Staff Assessment (FSA) contains the California Energy Commission staff's independent environmental and engineering evaluation of the Los Esteros Critical Energy Facility, Phase 2 project and contains analyses required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The FSA recommends conditions that would allow the Energy Commission to license the project. The staff concludes that the site must be rezoned to allow the simple-cycle power plant to be upgraded with no unmitigated impacts to the environment, public health or the transmission system.

The Final Staff Assessment may be viewed on the Energy Commission website at [\[http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/losesteros2\]](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/losesteros2). If you would like a copy of the Final Staff Assessment, please fill out the enclosed form and return it to the California Energy Commission, Attention: Keith Muntz, 1516 Ninth Street, MS-15, Sacramento, CA 95814-5512; or please call (916) 651-8843.

The Los Esteros Critical Energy Facility (LECEF) was originally licensed by the Energy Commission on July 2, 2002, as a simple-cycle natural gas-fired power plant. This license was issued under the emergency provisions of Public Resources Code section 25552, which requires relicensing of a project or conversion to combined-cycle operation within three years of the original license date. The project is owned and operated by the Los Esteros Critical Energy Facility, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Calpine. The owner requested two actions with this application (03-AFC-2): Phase 1 seeks a recertification of the license for the existing 180 megawatt (MW) simple-cycle facility for the life of the project, usually considered to be 30 years; and Phase 2 seeks a license to convert the LECEF to combined-cycle operation, adding equipment that will increase the output by 140 MW to a generating capacity of 320 MW. The Energy Commission approved the recertification of the simple-cycle license, Phase 1 of LECEF 2, on March 16, 2005 (CEC 800-2005-002-CMF). This FSA is the Energy Commission staff's independent analysis of the LECEF, Phase 2 application.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Energy Commission staff conducted public workshops on the Phase 2 Preliminary Staff Assessment on February 1 and 15, 2005, in San Jose and Sacramento, California, respectively. Based on the workshops, and additional information gathered, staff prepared the Final Staff Assessment published on May 26, 2005.

If you would like information on how you can participate in the Energy Commission's review process for the Los Esteros Critical Energy Facility, Phase 2 project, please contact Ms. Margret J. Kim, the Energy Commission's Public Adviser, at (916) 654-4489, or toll free in California at (800) 822-6228, or email to pao@energy.state.ca.us.

Technical or project schedule questions should be directed to Bob Eller, acting Energy Commission Project Manager, at (916) 651-8835. The status of the project, copies of notices, the FSA, and other relevant documents are also available on the Energy Commission's web site at: [\[http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/losesteros2\]](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/losesteros2). The status of the project, copies of notices and other relevant documents are also available on the Energy Commission's Internet web site at: [\[http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/losesteros2\]](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/losesteros2). News media inquiries should be directed to the Media Office, at (916) 654-4989, or by email at: [\[mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us).

This notice of availability has been mailed to all parties that have requested to be placed on the mailing list and to property owners located near the proposed project. By being on the mailing list, you will receive notices of all project-related activities, including information on the availability of documents related to the Energy Commission's review of the project. You may also subscribe to receive e-mail notification at [\[http://www.energy.ca.gov/html/listservers.html\]](http://www.energy.ca.gov/html/listservers.html). If you want your name removed from the mailing list, please contact Keith Muntz, at (916) 651-8843, or e-mail at: [\[kmuntz@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:kmuntz@energy.state.ca.us).

A copy of the Final Staff Assessment document is available for public inspection at the Alviso Branch Library and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Main Library in San Jose. Copies are also available at the Energy Commission's Library in Sacramento, the California State Library in Sacramento, and at public libraries in Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, Fresno, and Eureka.

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